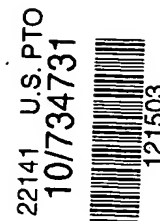




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Transmitted herewith for filing is a continuation application of international application No. PCT/EP02/06484 filed June 18, 2002 of:

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entitled: **SCREENING METHOD USING BNPI AND DNPI**

Enclosed are:

1. Specification, including 32 claims (pages 72).
2. 26 Sheets of Formal X Informal drawings showing Figs. 1-12.
3. Application Data Sheet
4. Certified copy of Priority Document 101 28 541.8 filed in Federal Republic of Germany on June 13, 2001, the priority of which is being claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 and 37 C.F.R. §1.55.
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